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VRS IN ROURKELA STEEL PLANT
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) is under implementation in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) if so, the number of employees opted for VRS during the last three years;

(c) whether all the benefits have been extended to the employees under the schemes;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to overcome problems of employees of the plant?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) 2002-03 was in operation from 1.12.2002 till 31.3.2003.As on date, no VRS is under operation in Rourkela Steel Plant (RSP).

(b) The number of employees of RSP who have opted for VRS during the last three years is as under:

Year	No. opted for VRS
2000-01	No VR Scheme was in operation
2001-02	1251
2002-03	748
Total	1999

(c) The benefits admissible to the employees under the VR Scheme and as per the extant rules of SAIL have been extended to the employees under the VR Scheme.

(d)&(e): Do not arise.